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## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Pages 21 and 22, amend the paragraph starting on page 21 at line 11 and ending on page 22 at line 20 as follows:

## Example 4

Example 4 relates to the method of producing the zipper tape 2 wherein an innermost layer of the bag is a film made from any of ethylene-acrylic acid copolymer (EAA), ethylenemetacrylic acid copolymer metallic ion bridging resin (ionomer), and an ethylene-metacrylic acid copolymer resin (EMAA), of the thermally fused film and the thermally fused film for formation of a mating section, at least the former is made from the same resin as that described above. The method is shown in the general flow diagram of Fig. 6 with the mating section forming section shown in Fig. 7, and the state where the male strip 3a and female strip 3b are mated with each other to produce the zipper tape 2 is shown in Fig. 8. At first, a base tape 100 for a wide film with the width of 72 mm based on a laminated structure consisting of an olefin-based film 50µm (CMPS film produced by Tocello Kabushiki Kaisha) made from a resin in which, in addition to a polypropylene-based resin and a polyethylene-based resin as the thermally fused film 8 for formation of a mating section, a polybutene-based resin or the like is mixed therein as a third component, stretching polyester film 12 µm as a heat-insulating film 6, and a polypropylene film  $40\mu m$  as the thermally fused film 7 to be thermally fused and bonded to the bag 1 was previously prepared. The male strips 3a and the female strips 3b each made from a polyethylene-based resin and forming a pair respectively are alternately molded at a prespecified space therebetween in three rows with a miscellaneous shape extrusion-molding machine 101

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181. The strips 3a and 3b were thermally fused and bonded to the side of thermally fused film 8 of the base tape 100, and after the male strip 3a and female strip 3b were cooled in a water bath 102 182, the male strips 3a and female strips 3b were cut out each with the width of 12 mm along the longitudinal direction of the base tape 100 with a slitter 103 183, and then the male strips 3a and female strips 3b were mated with each other one by one to form pairs and wound up. Three strips of zipper tapes were produced simultaneously. The reference numeral 104 184 in the figure indicates a drier.